

State of Alaska
Department of Fish and Game
Nomination for Waters
Important to Anadromous Fish

AWC Volume SE SC SW W AR IN USGS Quad Port Moller (B-2) Alaska

Anadromous Water Catalog Number of Waterway 282-10-11900-0010

Name of Waterway Red Cove Lake USGS name ✓ Local name 11200

Addition ✓ Deletion Correction Backup Information

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Date: 9/15/95 Signature: James N. McCullough SEP 20 1995

Address: 211 Mission Rd.
Kodiak, AK. 99615 REGION II HABITAT AND RESTORATION DIVISION

This certifies that in my best professional judgement and belief the above information is evidence that this waterbody should be included in or deleted from the Catalog of Waters Important for Spawning, Rearing or Migration of Anadromous Fishes per AS 16.05.870.

Signature of Area Biologist: James N. McCullough

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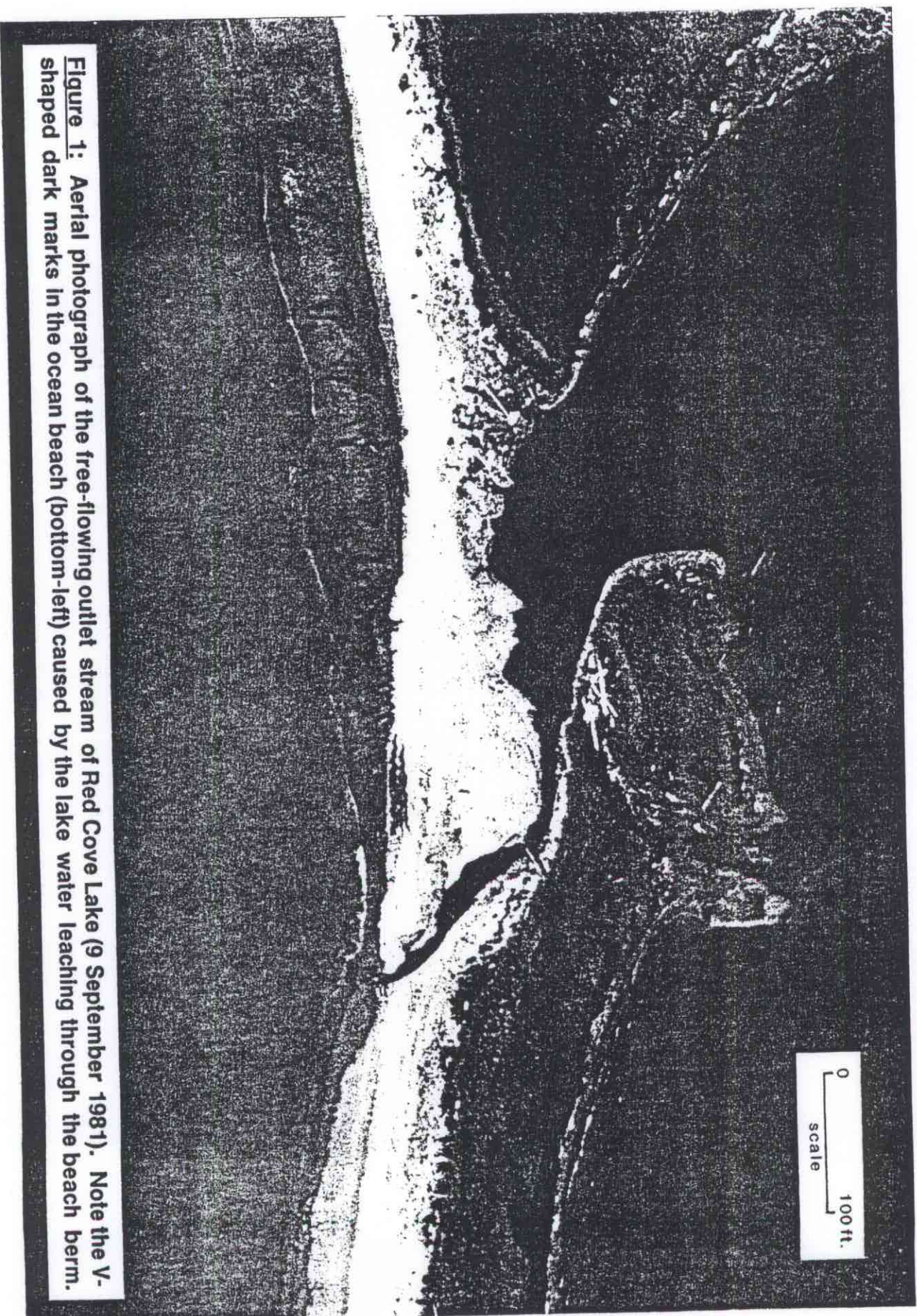
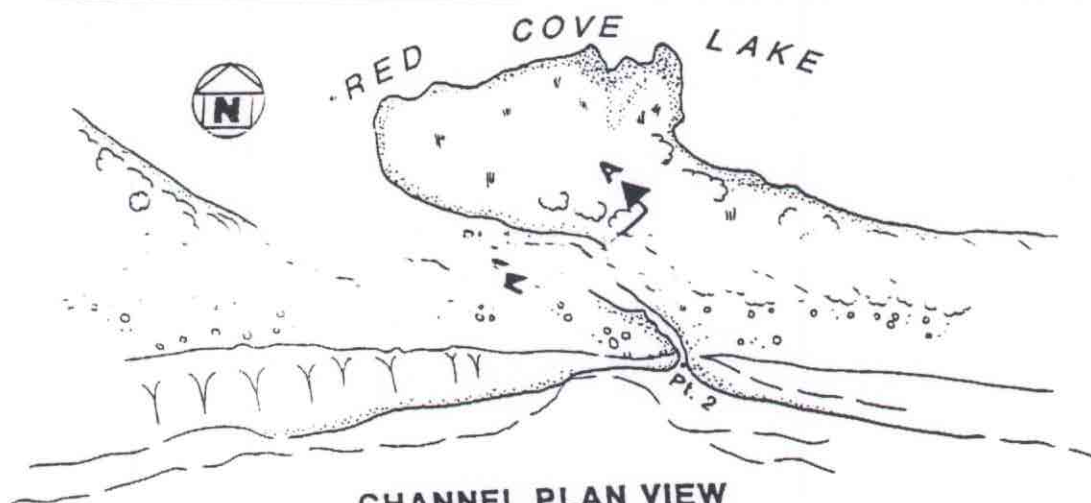
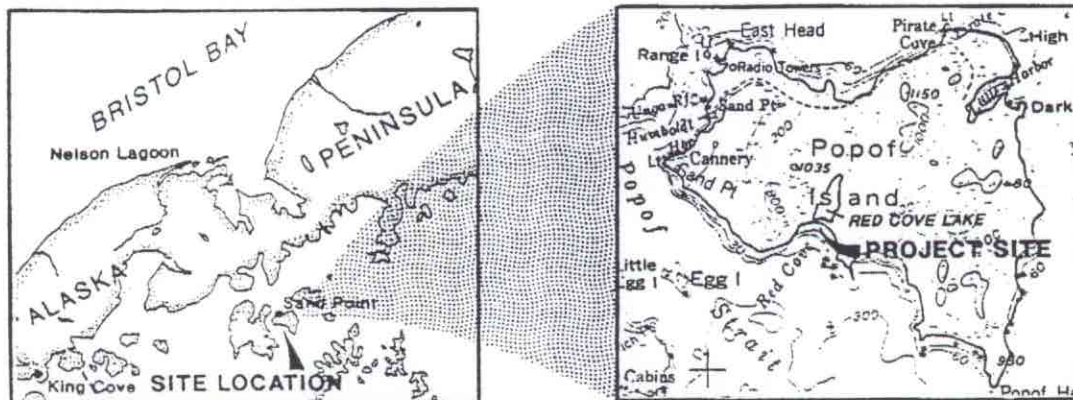
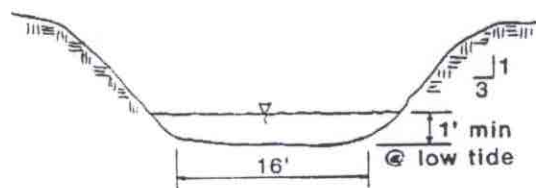


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CHANNEL PLAN VIEW



SECTION A-A
NOT TO SCALE

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME SOUTHCENTRAL ENGINEERING ANCHORAGE, ALASKA			
RED COVE LAKE OUTLET			
DRAWN BY CDS	CHECKED BY BAM	DATE 5-26-93	SHEET OF 1
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Figure 5: Plan for channel clearance for Red Cove Lake outlet stream.

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Aleutians East Borough
(Cooperative Agreement No. 93-003)**

**Sand Point Area Stream
Clearance Feasibility Study**

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**SALMON STREAM SURVEY
MANAGEMENT AREA**

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Time Out 4:30 PM	Tide high	
	Distance Surveyed Entire	

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REMARKS

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7005		P					
281		G				100	
7004		G				200	
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8006		E					
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1020		G				25	
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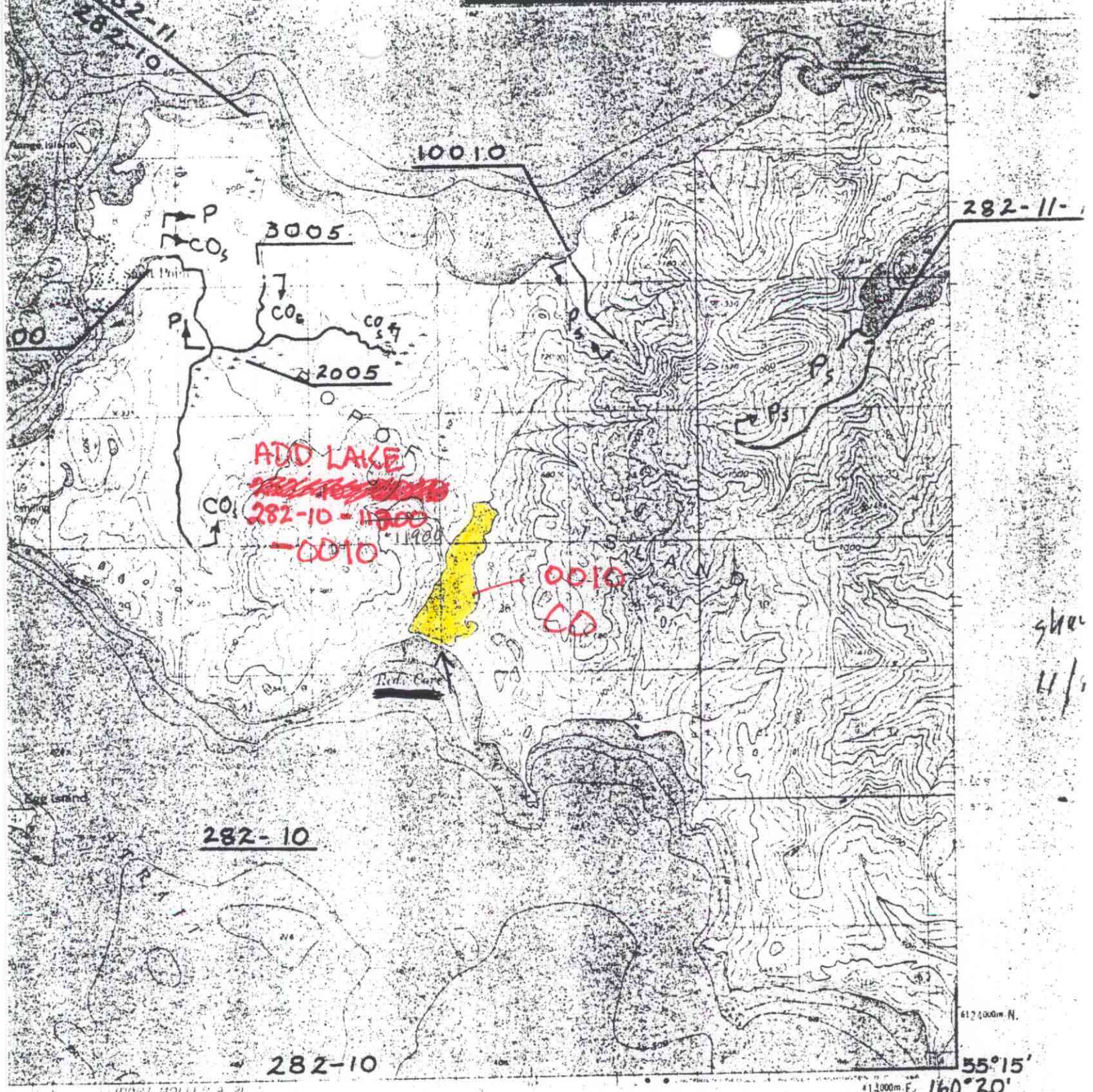
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PORT MOLLER (B-2) ALASKA

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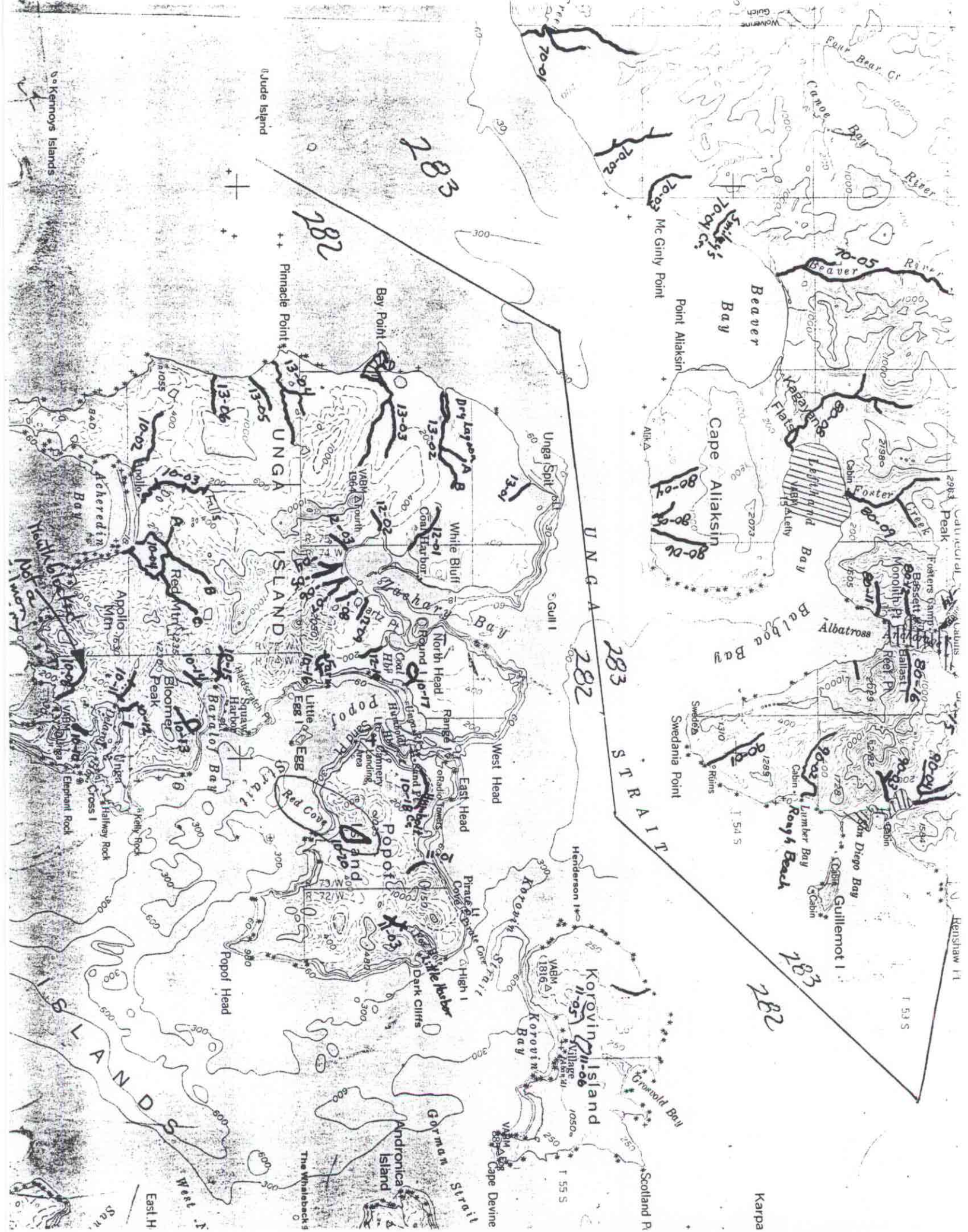
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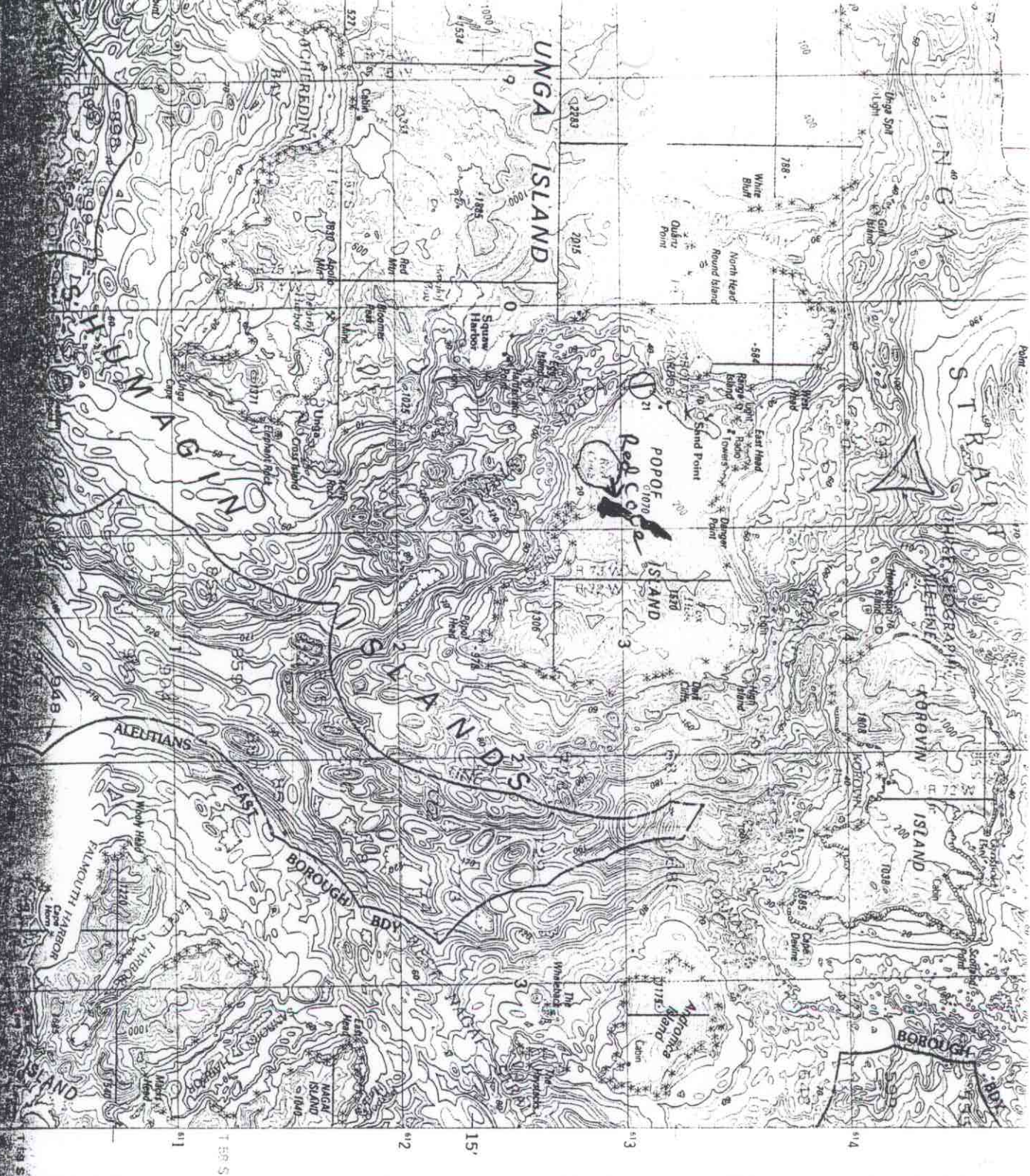
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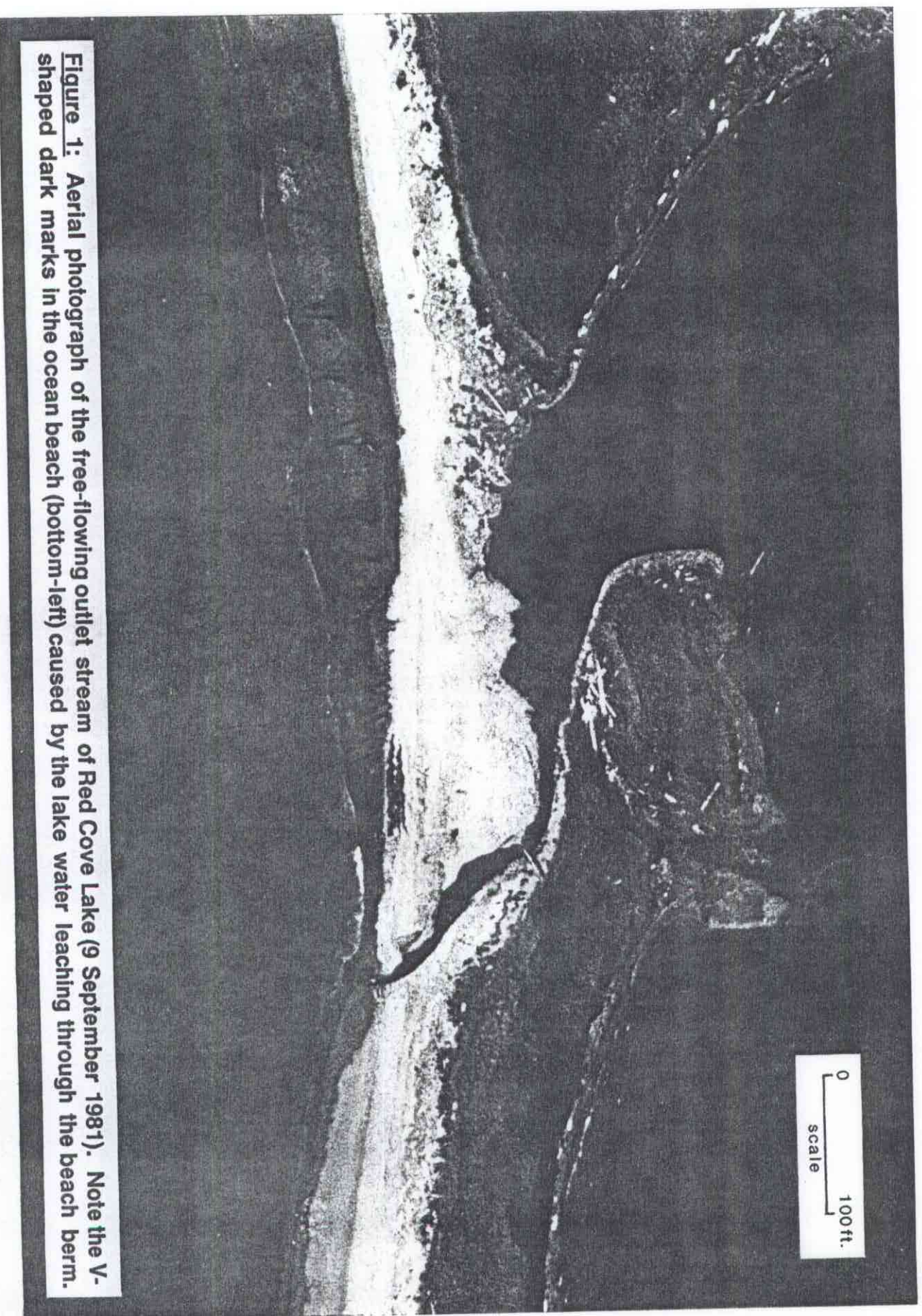
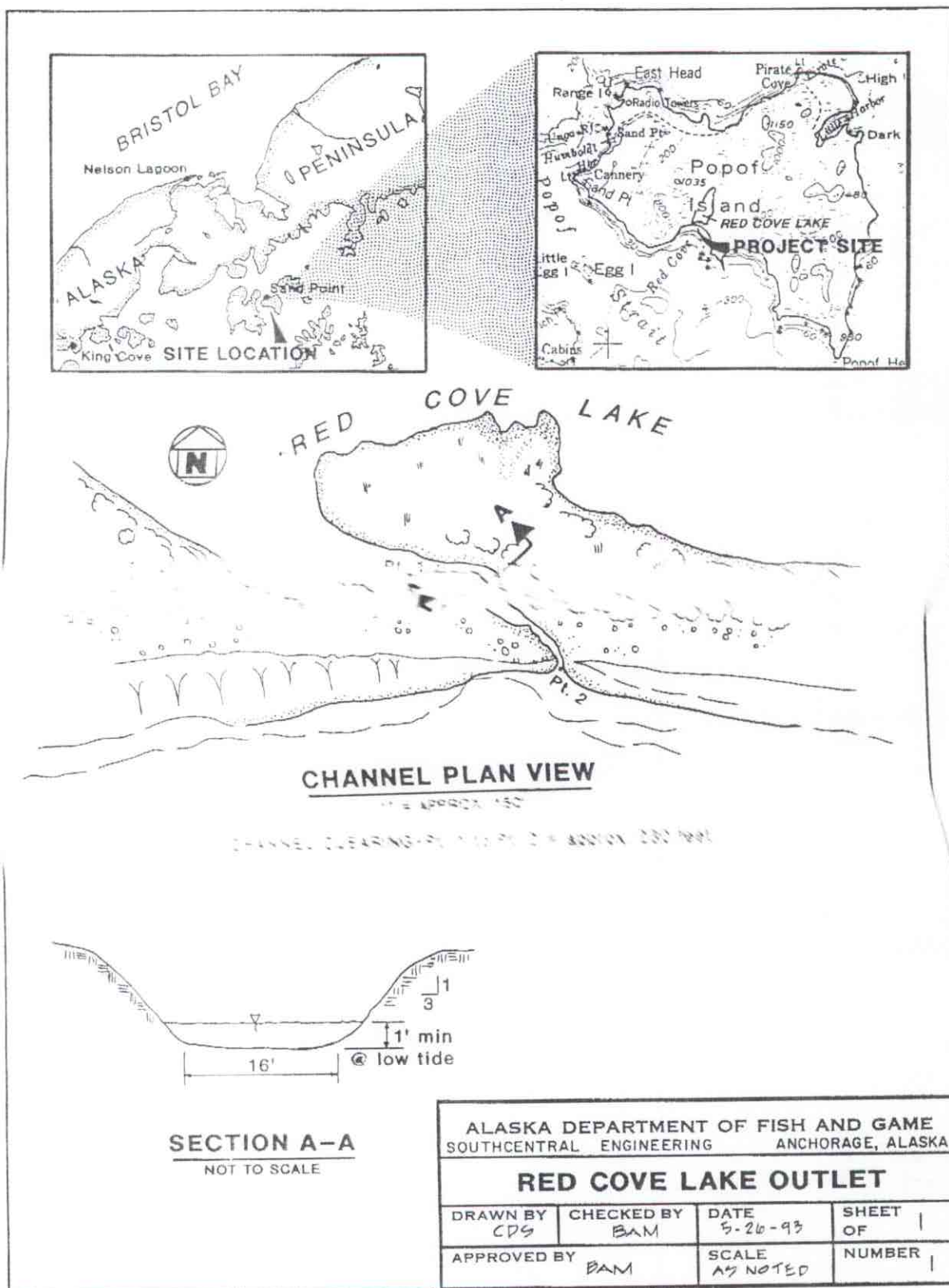


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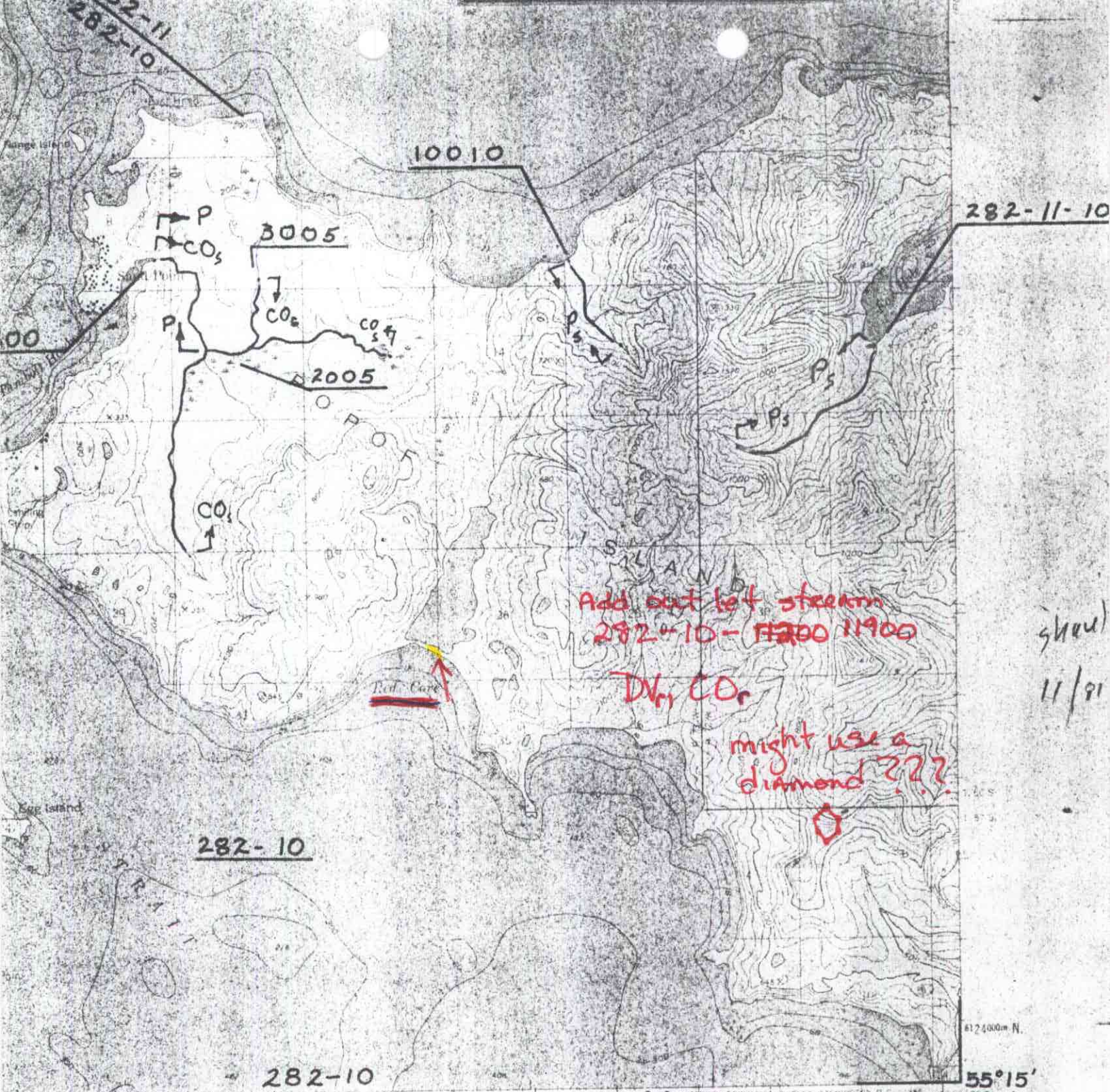
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PORT MOLLER (B-2), ALASKA

NOTE

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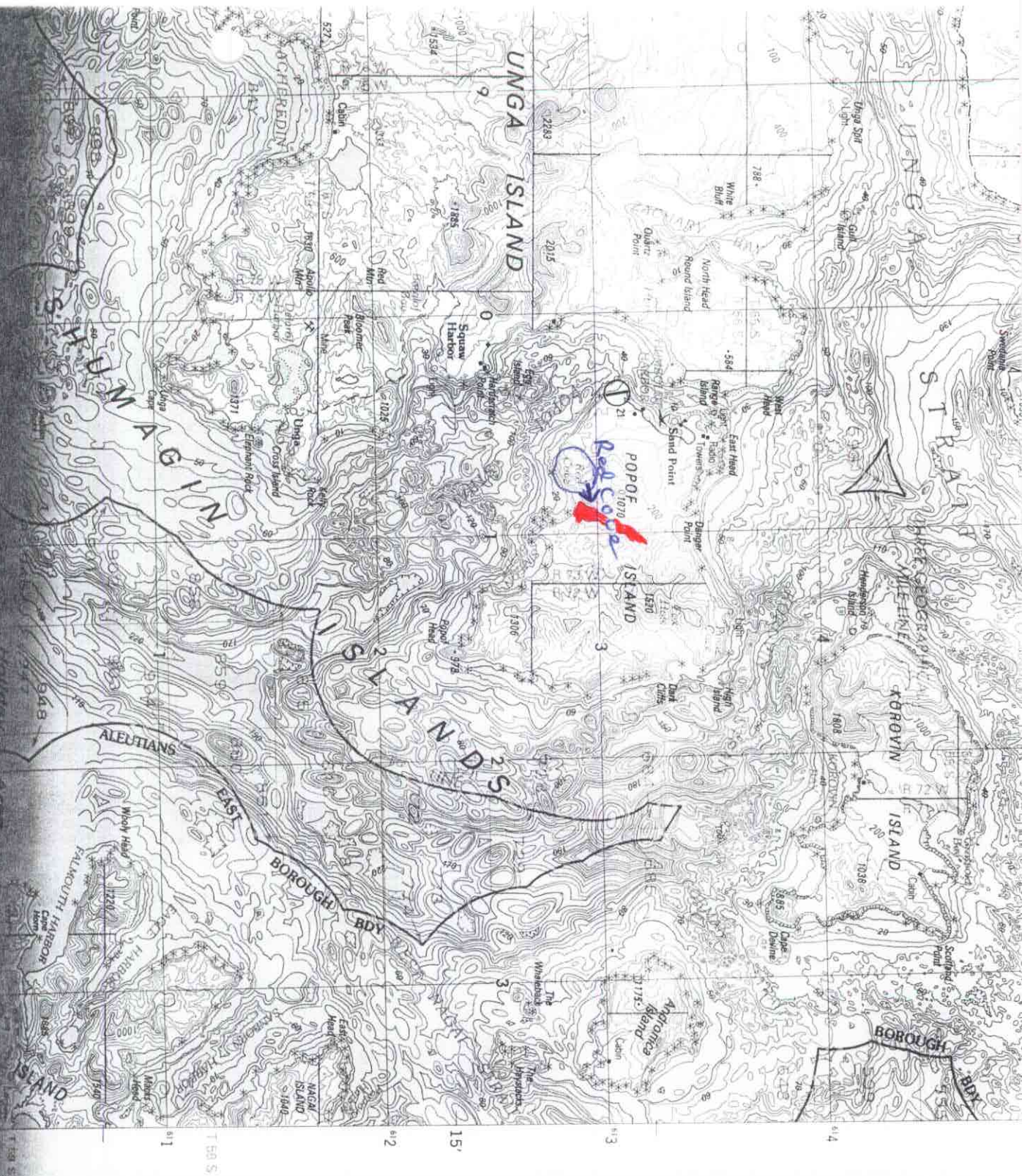
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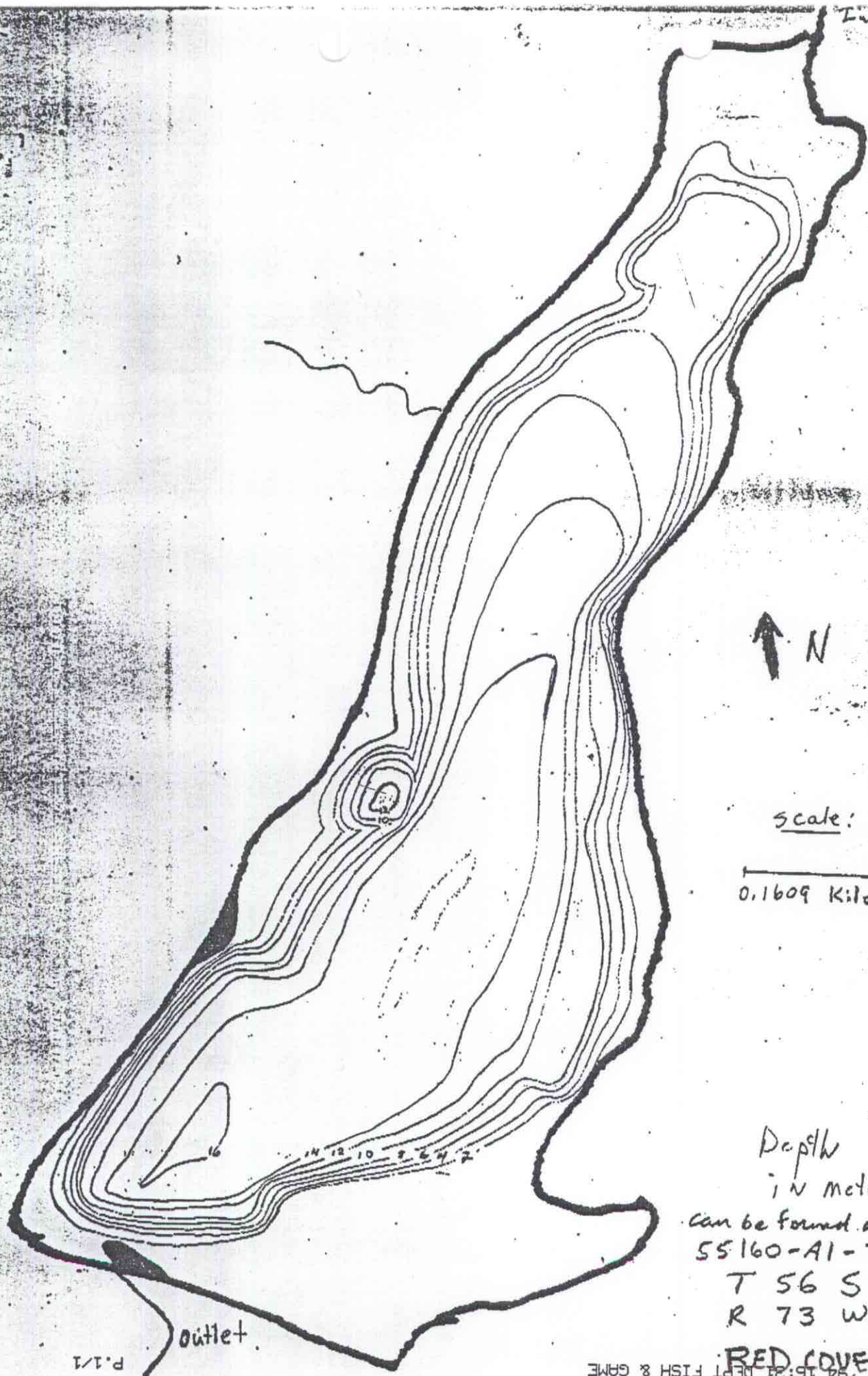
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